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LETTERS OF SYMPATHY—OUR WHEREABOUTS

Divinely inspired letters of sympathy have come and are still coming to us from every quarter of the Brotherhood. We cannot tell our readers how much good these have done us. To know that we are loved by God's children is a joy that money cannot buy and that kings long to know.

Accompanying Sister Skinner's letter was a gift of \$15.50; \$10 from herself and \$5.50 from the Brooklyn church; Sister Laura Grossnickle's letter, \$5; Sister Laura Slotter's letter, \$2.; Bro. Enslow's letter, \$1.00. Although we had not asked for such evidences of love they find and empty purse and hearts full of gratitude. May God multiply the sum from which it was taken, and enter it as a deposit in the bank above where the kind donors may draw it out with infinitely compounded interest. And for the words of sympathy, may you hear them re-echoed from Jesus' lips, when you stand with the assembled world before the throne of God.

Having left office here on the 4th instant, with scarcely any preparation our return at the earliest possible date was imperative. Accordingly on the 18th, we came back to Ashland, leaving the books of the office with Mrs. H., in Chicago. Ever since we have been editing the paper, she has been our most faithful clerk and book-keeper, and was not willing to turn the books over to another so long as she could possibly keep them. As the system required by the peculiar ownership of the business is somewhat complex, she said a new book-keeper would necessarily make a good many mistakes, and these would cause more trouble and labor in the end than to keep the books herself. However our letter files are here, and to look up the details of last year's business it is necessary to have access to last year's letters which she does not now have. If she must continue much longer in the city we shall ship the files there.

We find it unendurable to be absent from our child in his present condition. It takes twenty-four hours to get a letter from 1884, Thirty-eight St., Chicago to Ashland, Ohio. Therefore we shall make our home in Chicago so long as we shall have any hope of getting relief there for our boy.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Politicians back up their principles with their means. How does a Christian appear who does not do as much?

Children should be told that it will usually require one month from the time they mail a letter until they can read it in the paper.

The editor is indebted to the families of Brethren Murray, Kolb, Myers and Garber for special kindness since the affliction of our Homer.

We are short on EVANGELIST No. 2. Any of our readers who will send us this number can have their choice of any five cent tract for sale by us.

Bro. Bashor closed his meetings at Hudson on account of the awful condition of the roads and cold weather. He had good interest and attendance until the people were stormed out.

M. G. Brumbaugh, A. M., has been elected president of the Normal college, Huntingdon, Pa. He is a graduate of the University of Pa., and will no doubt add strength to this deservedly popular institution.

The only child of Bro. Samuel G. Kolb died from cholera infantum at the home of its grand father, Bro. J. T. Kolb, yesterday morning. We extend our sympathies to the sorrow stricken family.

Brother Daniel Good of the Fair Haven church made us a short call last week. He is a close relative of the Bickly's, who were our neighbors at Waterloo, Iowa. We shall be glad to get better acquainted with Bro. Good.

If you have ordered the EVANGELIST discontinued and it still comes to you it is because we have not yet had time to take your name out of the list. As fast as we can get to them, names that have not ordered the paper continued will be dropped.

We are glad that brethren who get so full that they cannot contain themselves can give vent to their feelings. It does them good by permitting a painfully distending gas to escape, and it does us good by seeing in what a false light we are looked upon.

We had expected to be with the Brethren at Fairhaven over next Sunday, but paternal chords draw us to our wife and child in Chicago. We are very sorry to disappoint the Brethren there, but we do not think they want us to neglect our boy to be with them.

Brother Christ Rowland says: "I will join Brother Walter Clark in being one of fifty who will give ten dollars to pay the debt which the church owes Brother Holsinger." That is right. Now let forty-six more join the chorus, and we shall make Brother Holsinger shout—even if he isn't much of a Methodist.

Our readers will all enjoy Brother Knepper's, "From Johnstown to Berlin," but the large number who trace their ancestry to old Somerset county will especially enjoy it. Bro. Knepper could supply us with a large amount of matter along this line that would be greatly enjoyed for the old memories that it would revive.

The notion that a minister can spend his week days in the parlors and dining rooms of his parishoners, talking of their personal whims, difficulties, vexations, likes and dislikes, and then preach thoughtful, enthusiastic sermons on Sundays, is not entertained by any minister whose preaching is worth the time it takes to hear it.

Church discipline is a dangerous weapon, and we would say better not use it at all than to use it unskillfully; religion is never brought to the surface more plainly than when disciplining a wayward member. So many who undertake the work of removing "motes" have neglected the essential preparation of first removing the "beams" from their own eyes.

The communication of Bro. L. Hildebrand should have appeared in number two, but was overlooked in our hasty departure for Chicago. However it is just as timely now as then. It is a subject of special importance, and we hope some of our strong writers will make it the topic of one or more articles. It is along the line Bro. Bashor has been doing most of his work and we should be very glad to hear from him.

Our friend M. J. Schrock, though no member of the Brethren, has a soft heart and a clear head. He takes the paper himself and donates it to a poor sister of Virginia. But he does not stop there. He sees the inconsistent and embarrassing light in which the church stands before God and the world in its failure to pay the debt it contracted with Bro. Holsinger. Bro. Menaugh's letter implies a great noble manhood behind it that eclipses everything we have seen in a long time. Like the widow's mite it is not the amount, but the will that is great.